

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application are respectfully requested in light of the amendments above and the comments which follow.

As correctly noted in the Office Action Summary, claims 6-24 were pending. By the present response, claims 6, 15 and 21 have been amended. Thus, upon entry of the present response, claims 6-24 remain pending and await further consideration on the merits.

Support for the foregoing amendments can be found, for example, in at least the following locations in the original disclosure: page 4, lines 5 and 7; page 5, lines 8-10; page 6, lines 17-19; and the current claims.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 15-19 and 21-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph on the grounds set forth in paragraph 3 of the Official Action.

By the present response, applicants have amended claim 15 in a manner which, without narrowing the scope thereof, addresses the above-noted rejection. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 6-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, on the grounds set forth in paragraph 6 of the Official Action.

By the present response, applicants have amended claims 6 and 21 in a manner which, without narrowing the scope thereof, addresses the above-noted rejection. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

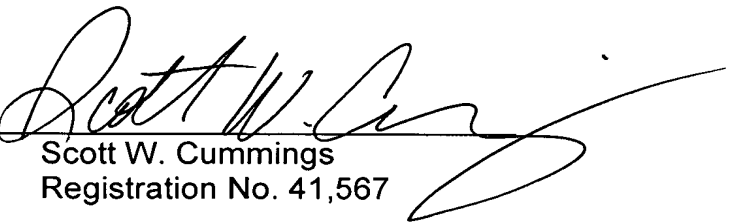
From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner feel that any issues remain, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted so that any such issues may be adequately addressed and prosecution of the instant application expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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